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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: **09/660,484**

Filing Date: **September 12, 2000**

First Named Inventor: **Yasuo TANAKA**

Group Art Unit: **2823**

Examiner Name: **Suk San Foong**

Attorney Docket Number: **OKI 262**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously Submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____, entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **18-0002**
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other **Excess claims (3x \$18)**
- b. Payment by credit card in the amount of \$ **824.00** (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print or Type)	Phillip G. Avruch	Registration Number	46,076
Signature		Date	February 19, 2004

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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s) : Yasuo TANAKA)

Serial No. : 09/660,484)

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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Attorney Ref. : OKI 262)

AMENDMENT

February 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted with the Applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a). The RCE is timely filed in response to the Final Office Action dated November 19, 2003. Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-referenced application as shown on the following pages.

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